

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



## Weddington High School

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, September 22nd - Friday, September 26th:** Fall Spirit Week (more information to come)

**Tuesday, September 23rd:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Tuesday, September 30th:** Underclassmen Picture Day (more information to come)

**Wednesday, October 1st:** Senior Roadshow (more information to come)

## SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

Students are asked to be in the building by 8:00AM each day. This will allow them to be ready for the start of class and help set them up for success. The school day ends at 3:05PM.

Students and parents are asked to review the WHS Tardy Policy which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time. Due to the increased traffic during the first week of school, parents and students are encouraged to allow plenty of extra time to get to school on-time.

## INFINITE CAMPUS





If you are having problems with  
Infinite Campus Parent Portal,  
Please scan the QR code and fill  
out the Google Form.



## ATTENDANCE

# ATTENDANCE FAQ



**What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?**

Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.

**Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?**

If they brought in a note - NO.  
If they did not bring in a note - YES.

**What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?**

We will need WRITTEN permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.

**When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?**

Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.

**When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?**

Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.

**Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?**

**NO.** Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.

**What is the latest time I can pick up my student?**

We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends to become congested.

**What absences can be considered excused?**

With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation MUST be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.

## WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to [www.whsptso.com](http://www.whsptso.com) and join your PTSO.

All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs\_ptso. Email us at [w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com)

### STAFF APPRECIATION

Help us welcome back our awesome staff with our September Staff Appreciation. Sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527147-202526>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527153-whsstaff>





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## VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

### Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL / TRANSPORTATION

Weddington High School students may enter the building each day at 7:15 a.m. Entrances will remain locked until that time.

### **Car Riders:**

At arrival time, students are to be dropped off in front of the school. Please help us to keep car traffic flowing efficiently by facilitating the quick but safe exit of your child from your car and by pulling your car up as far as possible in the line. Students will enter through the main entrance of the school. At dismissal time, students will exit the building from the main entrance. School personnel will be supervising the process, but as is the case with arrival, we encourage you to stress with your child/children the importance of safe habits. **Please take note that parking and student drop off/pick-up are not permitted in the student parking lot, staff lot, gravel lot, or the church across the street during arrival and dismissal times. Additionally, the surrounding neighborhoods have requested that we remind students and parents that neighborhood streets are not for parking and dropping off / picking up students. Vehicles may be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.**

### **Student Drivers:**

Make sure that you are only parking in your assigned parking spot and have your parking sticker visible as directed. **Parking in the wrong spot will result in a parking ticket with a fine of \$25.** Please be sure you allow plenty of time to and from where you are going to ensure a safe arrival to campus each day. Remember to drive slowly in the student parking lot and lookout for others.

### **Bus Riders:**

Our bus driver shortage continues and will impact operations as we open school. We will continue to practice strategies put in place in prior years, including double runs and bus stop consolidation. In addition to the normal 1st week delays, we anticipate added challenges with the bus driver shortage. We will be communicating any delays using the Edulog Parent Portal app, and additional information is available on the UCPS Transportation website. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we work through these challenges.

Students will load and unload buses on the side of the school at the bus lot entrance. Students will be directed to appropriate areas. Buses will typically depart Weddington High School around 3:15pm each afternoon. However, as we settle into the routines of a new school year, it is very possible that buses will be delayed during the first couple of weeks of school. Please also note that due to unforeseen mechanical, driver, and/or other issues, bus runs may be delayed on any given day throughout the school year. We will do everything in our power to minimize such instances. For additional bus rider information, please click [HERE](#) . This link will provide parents with directions for installing the Edulog Parent Portal smartphone app which allows parents to access designated bus stop times and locations, see real-time information about the location of your child's school bus, and receive notifications when the bus is getting close. Mr. John Grexa, assistant principal, will be overseeing bus transportation at Weddington High School this year. Questions regarding this area should be directed to him. Mr. Grexa can be reached via email at [john.grexa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:john.grexa@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.

## **TECHNOLOGY FEE**

All UCPS families will be responsible for paying a \$30 annual technology user fee per student. The technology fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch. If you haven't paid your student's 2025-2026 technology fee, please scan the QR code below.

# COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

## Counseling Department Information

Please visit the [WHS Counseling Department webpage](#) for information and resources.

## TRANSCRIPT CORRECTIONS

Students can submit transcript corrections here <https://forms.gle/SDJvgzzVZc51oFvCA>

**Deadline to submit is Monday September 8th**

## SENIOR NIGHT INFO

WHS Counselors hope you enjoyed Senior night and found it to be a helpful resource. Presentation link can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUtfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

## COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

## 2025-2026 YEARBOOK

## SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors need to go to cady.com to schedule your senior portrait session. Just click on For Seniors at the top and then Book Now. All portrait sessions take place at Cady Studios (2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28227). The studio is open Monday through Sunday. Below are the options available for your session. Please note the simple session includes the tux/drape photo for the yearbook, cap and gown photo, and one other scene of your choice. The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 5, 2025. Any senior who does not have their photo taken before this date will not be included in the yearbook.

## MARCHING WARRIORS

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

## SPIRIT WEAR

The online Spirit Wear store is now open through September 8th! Get your cold weather gear before the cold weather hits! Click [HERE](#) to shop.



Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email [whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com) or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

## WMS SEASON PASS

## UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

### Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email [michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.

Please visit <https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/> for up to date information!

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

### Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!

Click [here](#) to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!

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